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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am very concerned about the potential lack of broadband competition for both personal and as a business owner internet availability. I am old enough to remember when only 1 long distance provider, ATT, was available for personal or business phone service, the same with early dial up internet and during the transition to DSL for broadband.

I see the large players trying to position themselves to prevent competitive broadband offered by small businesses that provide better internet service, more attentive customer service all at a much more competitive price .

I originally had Fusion Broadband from Sonic. they upgraded me to gigabit fiber for approximately the same price including phone service. from the other providers available to me for the same service, it would effectively cost twice as much for less than half of the bandwidth and marginal customer service at best.

Please look carefully at the proposals and side with the American people. while companies have the absolute right to pursue profit.... it should not be at any cost.

This is where i believe offices such as the FCC need to pay more attention to the needs of the people and not to the profit motives of corporations.

Experience has taught me that it is difficult to avoid the law of unintended consequences entirely, but, some are glaringly obvious at the start.

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